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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS AND
DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS

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SUBJECT:

Annual Re-certification of GOALS II and IPAC Users

The Financial Management Service (FMS) is required to perform a re-certification of all our system users to ensure that only authorized users are accessing the systems and that their level of access is appropriate. This memorandum is to request your assistance in performing your organization's audit for the Government On-line Accounting Link System II (GOALS II) and Intra-governmental Payment and Collection (IPAC) application users.

The re-certification audit is performed annually for GOALS II and IPAC. The GOALS II family of applications includes GOALS II Citrix and the Information Access System (IAS) – FMS 224, FMS 1219/1220, Undisbursed, Statement of Difference, RFC Agency Link, and Warrants. IPAC applications include: IPAC, Retirement and Insurance Transfer System (RITS) and the Treasury Receivable Accounting and Collection System (TRACS).

We are in the process of preparing a letter to send to the certifying officer(s) responsible for the re-certification of your GOALS II users. FMS will attach a list of all GOALS II users and their access role(s) for each application that needs re-certification. The certifying officer's responsibility is to: 1) validate that each of those users still requires access to the application(s), 2) validate that their role(s) is appropriate, 3) sign the form, and 4) fax or mail signed form back to FMS.

A separate letter is also going out to the IPAC Agency Administrators (IAAs) with audit responsibility reminding them of their obligation to re-certify their users. They will also receive instructions on how to submit their audit electronically.

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This year's re-certification covers the period of January 1 – December 31, 2005 and must be completed by January 31, 2005. On February 1, 2005, FMS will begin removing user access to the GOALS II and IPAC applications for those organizations that have not performed their re-certification audit. Once access has been removed, these users will no longer have access to the GOALS II/IPAC network to submit and retrieve their financial information and accounting reports or conduct Intra-governmental transaction processing.

Beginning January 17, 2005 our web pages will be updated on a daily basis with those organizations that have not conducted their re-certifications. This information will be available on the www.fms.treas.gov/goals and www.fms.treas.gov/goals/ipac web pages.

Please be advised that this re-certification needs to be accomplished by January 31, 2005, to ensure that your agency will continue to have access to your critical financial and accounting data. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding GOALS II re-certification, please contact Angela Vessels on 202 874-8504 or via e-mail at Angela.Vessels@fms.treas.gov. IPAC related re-certification questions should be directed to the FO Call Center on 202 874-8270 or via e-mail at IPAC.Help@fms.treas.gov.